

# IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 13th October 2019

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## Silent Key

IRTS would like to extend its condolences to the family and friends of the late Dave Hooper EI2HR. Dave was a very active operator who made a lot of friends during his much loved time on the air, both using the modes of phone and amateur TV. For the past few years Dave had been suffering from Alzheimer's. He passed away peacefully, with his family at his side, last Thursday night at the age of 89 years.

May he rest in peace.

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## Contest Today

For those listening to this bulletin on Sunday morning, please remember the IRTS 40 metres Counties Contest starts at 12:00 UTC (that is 1.00 pm local time) today, and runs for 2 hours. [www.irts.ie/contests](http://www.irts.ie/contests) has all the details.

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## Amateur Station Licence Examination

A reminder that the next Amateur Station Licence Examination will be held on Thursday 14th November in the ComReg Offices in Dublin and at other centres if warranted by the numbers. Full details, including entry procedure, examination fee and how to pay the fee on line are available at [www.irts.ie/exam](http://www.irts.ie/exam)

Please note that it is necessary to download the application form from the web page and forward the completed form and the appropriate fee so as to secure a place for the examination. If you pay the fee on line you must still complete and forward a signed application form.

The closing date for receipt of completed applications is Thursday, 31st October.

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## International JOTA Weekend

Final reminder that EI0JOTA will be active from the Larch Hill Scout Centre in the Dublin/Wicklow mountains as part of the international JOTA weekend from the 18th to 20th October. Please give the scouts a call or better still pop up to see them to give

them some encouragement to get on the radio.

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## **Tipperary Amateur Radio Group October Meeting Report**

After a brief presentation by Ronan, EI4KF of a new HF Portable Transceiver, Andy Jay, EI5JF Called the meeting to order at approximately 21:00.

Andy welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance. He also welcomed the IRTS President, Jim Holohan, EI4HH. After a short overview of recent activities of the club, and offering words of encouragement for the clubs two SWL's studying for the exam, he asked Jim, EI4HH to address the meeting.

Jim briefly outlined the current issues facing the society at both a National and International level and he gave some context to past issues, and he also mentioned some issues that will be coming down the line. He noted that TARG is one of the more active clubs in the country and thanked the club members for their participation and enthusiasm.

With the more formal aspects of the meeting closed, informal discussions continued late into the night.

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## **Cork Radio Club**

Cork Radio Club will hold their October monthly meeting in Carrigtwohill Community Centre on Wednesday next the 16th at 8pm.

New and returning members will be very welcome and further information can be obtained by emailing “info /at/ corkradioclub /dot/ ie” or by telephone to 087-6290574.

The club meets at 8pm on the third Wednesday every month in Carrigtwohill Community Centre.

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## **DX News**

A group of Czech operators will be QRV from the Columbian island of San Andres from 17th – 27th October. The callsign will be 5K0K and they will be on all bands 160 – 10m. San Andres counts as a separate country for DXCC and as NA-033 for the IOTA award and QSLs go via Club Log OQRS.

Willi DJ7RJ will be active again as FH/DJ7RJ from Mayotte Island in the Indian Ocean from 15th October – 4th November. He will be on all bands but as usual will concentrate on the low bands, in particular 160m. QSL to his home call.

Rene DL2JRM will reactivate his Maltese callsign 9H3YY from 18th – 22nd October. QSL to the home call.

A multi-national team will sign VP6R from Pitcairn Island from 18th October – 1st November. They will operate all bands and all modes. QSL via Club Log OQRS. Pitcairn Island was where the mutineers from HMS Bounty made their home in 1790.

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Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Mark EI6HPB on 086 355 2370.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin. If you currently receive a copy of the IRTS Radio News Bulletin by email as a news reader and wish to modify your address, please inform the editor in order to have it changed on the news readers mailing list.

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